UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW OFFICE OF THE CHIEF IMMIGRATION JUDGE 5107 LEESBURG PIKE, SUITE 2500 FALLS CHURCH, VA 22041

In the Matter of: Dalia R. Kejbou File I

File No: **D2006-010**

IN DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT:

ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT:

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ORDER OF THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE

On December 13, 2005, the respondent pled guilty to one count of attempted improper entry by alien, aiding/abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §1325(a)(3) and 18 U.S.C. §2 in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan. The crime is a "serious crime" within the meaning of 8 C.F.R. 1003.102(h).

Consequently, on January 25, 2006, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS," formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service), initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the DHS. On February 3, 2006, the Office of the General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before EOIR, including the Board of Immigration Appeals (the "Board") and the Immigration Court.

On February 7, 2005, respondent, through prior counsel, filed an answer and requested a hearing in this matter.

On February 16, 2006, the Board granted the petition and entered an order immediately suspending respondent from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Court, and the DHS pending final disposition of these proceeding.

On March 31, 2006, Michael C. McGoings, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, was assigned to be the adjudicating official in these proceedings. Several pre-hearing telephonic hearings were conducted.

On September 7, 2006, the Attorney Discipline Board for the State of Michigan ordered respondent suspended from the practice of law for a period of ninety (90) days, commencing October 4, 2006.

On October 23, 2006, respondent and DHS submitted a stipulation to the adjudicating official and requested that the Court enter a final order in these proceedings based upon the agreements set forth in that document.

The Court having reviewed the filings in this proceeding, and the stipulation between respondent and DHS, respondent having withdrawn her previously submitted request for a hearing, it is hereby,

ORDERED that the respondent be suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Court, and the DHS until January 4, 2007. The respondent is instructed to maintain compliance with the directives set forth in the February 16, 2005 order of the Board. The respondent is also instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against her, if any.

The respondent may petition the Board for reinstatement to practice before the Board, the Immigration Court, and DHS under 8 C.F.R. §1003.107(b). In order to be reinstated, the respondent must demonstrate that she meets the definition of an attorney or representative, as set forth in 8 C.F.R. §\$1001.1(f) and (j). *Id.* Therefore, the respondent must show that she has been reinstated to the practice of law in Michigan before she may be reinstated by the Board. *See* 8 C.F.R. §1001.1(f) (stating that term "attorney" does not include any individual under order suspending her from the practice of law).

DATE:

Michael C. McGoings
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Assistant Chief Immigration Judge

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